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BULLETIN OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFIT STATISTICS.

APRIL, 1947.

1. GENERAL

This summary, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, (Dr.Roland Wilson) covers the operations of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947) for the month of April, 1947, and the ten months ended April, 1947.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides a third class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives a measure of assistance to those persons who, on account of some special circumstances, cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit do not embrace the total employment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Invalid and Old Age Pensions Act, (from 1st July, 1947 the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947). The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8-completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this summary relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

The information contained in this bulletin has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services. The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries, the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to discontinuances and results in persons on benefit at the end of the month being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during April, 1947, and the ten months ended April, 1947, are shown in the following table:-

AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING APRIL, 1947, AND THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1947: STATES.

	Benef	its paid d	uring	THE COLUMN TWO IS THE COLUMN TWO IS NOT THE	Benefits paid during ten months				
State	A	pril, 1947				ended Apr	il, 1947		
	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total			
	£	£.	£	€.	£.	æ,	£.	£	
N.S.W. (a)	11,282	26,231	476	37,989	145,624	223,993	5,129	374,746	
Victoria	8,349	17,334	720	26,403	143,810	150,645	5,800	300,255	
Queensland	48,341	5,597	651	54,589	376,187	90,466	6,752	473,405	
S. Aust. (b)	862	6,067	157	7,086	18,246	61,819	1,309	81,374	
W.Australia	5,825	5,605	277	11,707	98,717	49,651	2,309	150,677	
Tasmania	509	3,492	120	4,121	6,919	27,780	1,555	36,254	
TOTAL	75,168	64,326	2,401	141,895	789,503	604,354	22,854	1416,711	

⁽a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

The following table shows for the year 1945-46 and for the months from July, 1946, to April, 1947, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT YEAR 1945-46
AND MONTHS OF JULY, 1946, TO APRIL, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

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Year 1945-46	65,455	12,200	009110	0,1~					
1946 -	0 077	5: 101	2 221	666	57	17	12,462	3,177	15,639
July	9,071	2,494	3,334	917	56	31	8,130	1,112	9,242
August	3,875	164	4,199	759	27	22		890	7,093
September	2,791	109	3,385		81	27	6,729	1,001	7,730
October	3,102	97	3,546	877	201	31	20,681	2,097	22,778
November	16,132	1,001	4,348	1,065		38	12,710	1,069	13,779,
December	9,608	324	2,905	707	197	50	1209120	-,-	
1947 -					7.00	20	9,775	846	10,621
January (a)	6,649	170	3,018	656	1.08	20		1,098	10,529
February (a)	5,903	165	3,412	909	116	24	9,431	1,465	10,989
March (a)	4,906	186	4,524	1,265	94	14	1	895	7.954
April (a)	3,860	138	3,139	751	60	6	7,059	000	
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Year 1945-46	158,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	54	86,615	17,478	104,000
1946 -	00,000		1					0.010	75 072
	9,188	2,494	2,996	547	40	8		3,049	15,273
July	4,125	195	3,868	786	42	16	,	997	9,032
August		145	3,293	655	24	8		808	7,108
September	2,983	107	3,424	777	47	27	6,577	911	7,488
October	3,106	874	4,333	983	75	18	14,241	1,875	16,116
November	9,833		2,744	735	78	19	7,906	930	8,836
December	5,084	176	0,144						
1947 -		507	0 170	672	194	1 1:	14,457	1,052	15,509
January (a)	11,151	367	3,112	756	1	18	1	920	10,737
February (a)	6,367	146	3,336				5 11,348	1,286	12,634
March (a)	6,995	209	4,185	838			9 8,262		9,262
April (a)	4,987	153		THE RESERVE OF THE RESERVE OF	ACH MON	THE STREET PARTY IN THE PERTY WATER		CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	
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1946 -			- 000	7 200	56	14	0 12 260	1,729	13,989
June	6,576					14			
July	6,459		1			16			
August	6,209			1,542			8 12,496		
September	6,017	230					8 12,648		
October	6,013	220							
November	12,312		6,526	1,828			19,088		
December	16,836		6,687	1,800	369	21	.0 23,892	2,50.	20,001
1947 -						- 5	7 30 930	2,299	21,509
January (a)	12,334	298	6,593	1,78			7 19,210		
Fohmung (a)	11,870						18,824		
February(a)	9,78			3 2,15			1 17,000		
March (a) April (a)	8,65		9 6.948	3 2,06		E PERSONAL PROPERTY.	8 15,797	7 2,55.	10,040
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(a) Subject to revision NOTE: For monthly figures from July, 1945, to June, 1946, see October, 1946 Bulletin

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during the ten months ended April, 1947, is shown in the following table:-

DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

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		Employme	nt.	Sickness	a the same of the	Total (a)		
Duration of	-	Fomales	Persons	Males Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Benefit	Males	remares		PRODUCED WATER TO THE CORE SERVICE WITH THE PARTY AND THE				
Weeks		7 440	10 751	3,249 514	3.763	15,628	1,954	17,582
Less than 1	12,311	1,440	139 / 31	5,354 962		19,356	3,103	22,459
1 and under 2	13,922	2,130	10,032	4,657 903		11,001	1,127	12,128
2 11 11 3	6,247	210	6,457	3,996 895		8,860	1,075	9,935
3 " " 4	4,786 3,848	140	3,988	3.017 712	3,729		863	7,831
4 11 11 5	12,816	458	13,274	7,063 1,679	1 -9		2,172	22,301
9 " " 13	5,607	186	5,793	3,135 898	4,033		1,435	11,307
13 " " 26	6,067		6,351	3,691 1,114		3,972		4.531
26 and over	1,923	A CONTRACTOR OF	1,988	The second second second	The state of the state of the			118,054
TOTAL	67,527	5,084	12,611	36,193 8,136	20 1 11	1 nargor	19	
(a) Includes	Special	Benefits	s (939 ma	ales, 175 female	200 1011	4 berber	15 / •	

Of the 118,054 benefits whose discontinu nce was notified during the ten months ended April, 1947, 48,119 (41 per cent) were in receipt of benefits for five weeks and over, 55,950 (47 per cent) for four weeks and over, 65,885 (56 per cent) for three weeks and over 78,013 (66 per cent) for two weeks and over, 100,472 (85 per cent) for one week and over, whilst 17,582 (15 per cent) received benefit for less than one week.

Average duration of unemployment benefits discontinued was shorter than that of sickness. Nineteen per cent of unemployment and eight per cent of sickness cases were in receipt of benefit for less than one week, whilst for durations of less than three weeks the percentages were 50 and 35 respectively.

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: Of the 72,611 cases of unemployment benefit whose termination was notified during the ten months ended April, 1947, 66,531 (91.6 per cent) secured employment or failed to report (which in most cases means that the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services), 2,379 (3.3 per cent) transferred to Sickness Benefit or to another district and 2,119 (2.9 per cent) failed or refused to accept an offer of employment.

Of the 44,329 cases of sickness benefit whose termination was notified, 37,949 (85.5 per cent) recovered from their illness and presumably resumed employment 1,986 (4.5 per cent) were classified as permanently incapacitated which, in practically every case, means that they were transferred to Invalid Pensions, 1,745 (4.0 per cent) transferred to Unemployment Benefit or to another district and 782 (1.8 per cent) died.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF APRIL, 1947.

TOTAL PERSONS

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 26th April, 1947, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 74 per 10,000 comprising 36 unemployment, 36 sickness and 2 special cases per 10,000. The following table shows the proportions for males and females separately:-

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH APRIL, 1947 PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT: AUSTRALIA

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C	D	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment						
Sex	Proportion	Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total			
Males	per 10,000 males	48	38	1	87			
Females	per 10,000 females	4	30	3	37			
Persons	per 10,000 persons	36	36	2	74			

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 26th April, 1947:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH APRIL, 1947 : STATES.

State	Unemplo	oyment	Sickness		Special		Total		
50000	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	1,359	62	2,691	714	54	52	4,104	828	4,932
Vic.	1,638	47	1,797	614	48	45	3,483	706	4,189
Q'ld.	4,698	149	978	265	49	41	5,725	455	6,180
S. A. (b)	118	3	650	199	16	16	784	218	1,002
W. A.	784	18	546	195	23	26	1,353	239	1,592
Tas.	57		286	77	5	28.	348	105	453
TOTAL	8,654	279	6,948	2,064	195	208	15,797	2,551	18,348

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 26th April, 1947, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 26TH APRIL, 1947 : AUSTRALIA

Grouped Age (as st 31st Dec.	Un	employmer	rt	Sickness			Total (a)		
1946)	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Female	Persons
16 - 19 Years	350	75	425	496	486	982	847	575	1,422
20 - 24 "	788	80	868	592	495	1,087	1,383	587	1,970
25 - 29 "	798	44	842	538	209	747	1,338	262	1,600
30 - 34 "	850	18	868	555	162	717	1,410	203	1,613
35 - 39 "	811	12	823	623	144	767	1,436	184	1,620
40 - 44 "	895	10	905	668	169	837	1,563	214	1,777
45 - 49 "	919	12	931	755	164	919	1,676	211	1,887
50 - 54 "	1,002	17	1,019	887	149	1,036	1,892	200	2,092
55 - 59 "	1,114	11	1,125	999	83	1,082	2,118	106	2,224
60 - 64	1,127		1,127	835	3	838	2,134	9	2,143
TOTAL	8,654	279	8,933	6,948	2,064	9,012	15,797	2,551	18,348

(a) Includes Special Benefits (195 males, 208 females, 403 persons)

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF APRIL, 1947.

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during the ten months ended April, 1947, and by those who were on benefit at 26th April, 1947.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT: CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1947 - AUSTRALIA

TEN MONTHS ENDED APR	IL, 1947	- AUSTR	ALIA			
	Admitt	ed durin	g ten	On be	nefit at	
Cause of Unemployment	months	ended Ap	ril,1947	26th A	pril,194	-7
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Person
Discharged for disciplinary reasons	686	13	699	92	1	3 93
Discharged for other reasons -						
Inefficiency, including medical unfitnes	2,008	72	2,080	478	10	488
Retrenchment, including closing of						
establishment	6,244	242	6,486	1,143	41	1,184
Replaced by reinstated ex-service						
personnel etc., relieving worker only	2,188	172	2,360	439	24	463
Other discharges, including inadequately						
defined	417	16	433	81	4	85
Laid-off owing to -						
Power rationing ••	8,422		11,462		2	26
Shortage of materials	3,223	82	3,305	440	10	450
Strikes, lock-outs within the same	7.5 4.50	000	75 005	000	0.0	050
establishment			15,865		23	
Seasonal work	8,510		. 8,698		30	, ,
Casual work	7,730	100	7,830	1,233	18	1,251
Other reasons, including inadequately	7 470	1.0	7 107	7.53		3.50
defined	1,419	42	1,461		2	153
Inadequately defined ••	8	-	8	166	2	168
Quitted -	1 503	000	A 77.77	899		0.50
Medical unfitness, work too heavy	4,501	266	4,767	099	53	952
Other quits, including inadequately	2 7 2 7	190	2 277	448	200	101
defined	3,121	190	3,311	440	36	484
Not previously employed -	1 700	9	7 7/5	201		000
Employers, workers on own account	1,136	9	1,145	284	2	286
Ex-service personnel not yet returned	2 500	52	0 647	201	0	000
to work	2,589	49	,		9	200
Other	55 67,730		AND RESTRICTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT	No. of the latest state of	12	-
TOTAL:	1019130	4,960	72,655	0,004	279	8,933

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during the ten months ended April, 1947, and of those on benefit at 26th April, 1947:-

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING TEN MONTHS
ENDED APRIL, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

		admitted		On	benefit	at
Industry in which	ten m	onths er	nded			
last engaged	Ap	ril, 1947	7	26th	April,	1947
		Females				
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	7,260	14	7,274	1,295	5	1,300
Other Primary Production	923	_		167		167
Coal Mining	1,002	-	1,002	43	-	43
Other Mining and Quarrying	785	-	785	96	-	96
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metalworking						
including shipbuilding	15,669	378	16,047	791	6	797
Vehicles, including aircraft	3,050	30	3,080	335	1	336
Textiles and articles of dress	1,263	2,194	3,457	96	26	122
Food, drink and tobacco	8,114	526	8,640	1,119	34	1,153
Furniture, woodwork, etc	2,044	53	2,097	154	1	155
Other factories, including heat,						
light and power	3,687	282	3,969	365	6	371
Building and Construction	5,722	2	5,724	944	1	945
Transport and Communication	5,833	104	5,937	1,029	27	1,056
Commerce and Finance -	Many Have					
Wholesale and retail trade	4,385	346	4,731	753	52	805
Finance and property	241	12	253	53	2	55
Public Administration and Professional	2,695	164	2,859	620	26	646
Personal and Domestic Service	2,589	726	3,315	490	72	562
Other	2,468	94	2,562	304	20	324
TOTAL:	67,730	4,925	72,655	8,654	279	8,933

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 26th April, 1947, in the principal industrial groups is snown in the following table:-

UNEMPLOYMENT: INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 26TH APRIL, 1947: STATES

	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LAND	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
last engaged	(a)	er and the second of the		(b)	THE RESERVE	****	
Agriculture, Pastoral, etc	199	55	982	4	46	9	1,295
Other Primary including Mining	82	21	163	3	34	_ 3	306
Engineering, etc. including Vehicles	227	540	229	29	99	2	1,126
Food, Drink, etc. Factories	83	74	894	12	49	7	1,119
Other Factories	119	174	237	. 6	71	8	615
Building and Construction	140	124	585	12	79	4	944
Transport	78	476	386	10	70	9	1,029
Commerce and Finance	161	86	405	25	123	6	806
Previously employed by Australian							
or Allied Services	52	3	247	3	11	1	317
Personal and Domestic Service	111	33	232	6	104	4	490
Other	107	52	338	8	98	4	607
TOTAL	1,359	1,638	4,698	118	784	57	8,654

⁽a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Unemployment benefits whose admission was notified during the ten months ended April, 1947, and those current at 26th April, 1947, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BET EEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a): STATES.

					A CONTRACTOR					
State			ed during April,		On Benefit at 26th April, 1947					
Duale	Metrop	olitan	Oth	ner	Metro	politan	Other			
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females		
N.S.W.(b)	4,190	47	6,507	316	478	2	881	60		
Victoria	11,914	432	2,399	42	1,295	37	343	10		
Queensland	11,101	1,964	19,296	1,240	1,490	33	3,208	116		
S. A. (c)	930	5	368	6	106	3	12	-		
W. A.	8,518	790	2,140	79	696	13	88	5		
Tasmania	273	2	94	2	44	-	13			
TOTAL	36,926	3,240	30,804	1,685	4,109	88	4,545	191		

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Surburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S. A., Port Adelaide and in W. A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in Metropolitan.

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING THE TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1947: AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF APRIL, 1947.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the ten months ended April, 1947, and those current at 26th April, 1947, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS PENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a): STATES.

			ed during April, 1		On Benefit at 26th April, 1947					
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	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females		
N.S.W. (b)	6,437	1,885	6,162	9 08	1,360	469	1,331	245		
Victoria	5,802	1,947	3,230	710	1,219	462	578	152		
Queensland	2,670	692	3,197	514	517	148	461	117		
S. A. (c)	2,709	582	1,430	228	442	141	208	58		
W. A.	2,268	725	1,446	294	. 338	143	208	52		
Tasmania	619	152	1,044	186_	110	33	176	44		
TOTAL	20,505	5,983	16,509	2,840	3,986	1,396	2,962	668		
(c) Con for	-t	moble 6	(iii) (h	Tucludas	A C T	(c) Incli	ides Norther	rn Territory		

(a) See footnote to Table 6 (iii). (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes Northern Territory

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of

persons on sickness benefit at 26th April, 1947, is shown in the following table:-

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 26TH APRIL, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

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Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	rersons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	578	14	592
Other Primary Production	147	-	147
Coal Mining ••	310	-	310
Other Mining and Quarrying	124	no	124
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including			
shipbuilding	1,003	87	1,090
Vehicles, including aircraft	313	10	323
Textiles and articles of dress	269		637
Food, drink and tobacco	453		564
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	266	1	284
Other Factories, including heat, light and power	651	119	770
Building and Construction	874	51	875
Transport and Communication	653	2T	704
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and retail trade	625	352	977
Finance and property	31	24	55
Public Administration and Professional	231	345	
Personal and Domestic Service	382	555	937
Other	6,948	2 001	47
	1 0,948	2,064	9,012

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness, as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during the ten months ended April, 1947, and of those of benefit at 26th April, 1947:-

NATURE OF SICKNESS: CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1947: AUSTRALIA.

	Clai	ms admit	ted	On I	at	
	durin	ig ten mo	onths	26th	April,	
Nature of Sickness	onded	April,	1947	1947		
		Femalos		Males	Females	Persons
Infective and Parastic Diseases	2,352	516	2,868	354	134	488
Cancer	274		310	90	13	103
Other Tumours	305	204	509	67	58	125
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and						
Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	2,322	575	2,897	575	218	793
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	190	200	390	50	51	101
Nervous System and Sense Organs	3,273	1,093	4,366	702	276	978
Circulatory System	3,107	389	3,496	841	115	956
Respiratory System	4,219	727	4,946	659	135	794
Digestive System	8,041	1,842	9,883	1,269		1,552
Genito-Urinary System	1,529	683	2,212	333	181	514
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc	-	732	732	-	165	165
Skin and Cellular Tissuo	2,338	436	2,774		1	390
Bones and Organs of Movement	1,011	211	1,222	213	61	274
Other Diseases (including ill-defined						
conditions)	528	294	822	97	90	187
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Factures	3,625	349	,			973
Other Injuries, etc.	3,508	336	3,844	453	71	524
Operations (original disability not						26
stated)	242	158	400		26	68
Other (including not stated)	150	42	192	21	6	27
TOTAL	37,014	8,823	45,837	6,948	2,064	9,012

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED.

The total number of applicants for bonefit whose claims were notified during the ten months ended April, 1947, and those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below. No further dissection of rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information at a later date.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - TEN MONTHS ENDED APRIL, 1947 : STATES.

	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
State	Total Claims		Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims		Percentage Rejects to Total
N.S.W. (a)	15,664	4,604	17,465	2,073	412	79	33,541	6,756	20.1
Victoria	20,163		13,889		504	85	34,556	7,661	22.2
Queensland	49,129	15,528	8,488	1,415	413	85	58,030	17,028	29.3
S. A. (b)	3,951	2,642	6,321	1,372	142	30	10,414	4,044	38.8
W. A.	17,410	5,883		887	197		23,227		29.0
Tasmania	491	120	2,346	345	56	13	2,893	478	16.5
TOTAL	106,808	34,153	54,129	8,292	1,724	337	162,661	42,782	26.3

⁽a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

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